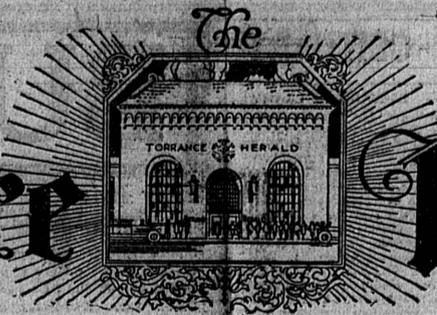


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INCUMBENTS RE-ELECTED TO OFFICE

STEINER, NELSON, BELL TAKE SEATS ON NEW COUNCIL MON.

Fifty Percent of Registered Voters Come Out to Endorse Present Administration of Municipal Government

BARTLETT SWAMPS HOQUE FOR CITY CLERK JOB

\$50 Monthly Salary for Councilmen Defeated by Narrow Margin of 14 Votes, in Quietest City Election in Years

Unmistakable endorsement of the present city government was given by Torrance voters Monday when they returned to office every incumbent city official that sought re-election, and allowed the new member of the City Council who had the support of the present administration to be elected without opposition.

G. A. R. Steiner and Ed C. Nelson were re-elected to the City Council for four years by substantial majorities over William T. Klusman and Albert H. Bartlett, long-time city clerk, walked away from R. F. Hogue, his opponent, by the most decisive vote in the election. Carleton B. Bell was elected for the two-year term on the City Council without opposition, and Harry H. Dolley was likewise unopposed for city treasurer.

While the electorate approved of the present administration, they frowned on the idea of paying the councilmen for their services, and the \$50 per month salary for councilmen was defeated by 14 votes. Torrance was not alone in this characteristic, as six other cities of the sixth class also voted down salaries or increases in salaries for councilmen. The only exception was in Seal Beach, where councilmen were given \$10 per month by a narrow margin of votes.

In Lynwood a proposal to increase councilmanic salaries from \$10 to \$25 per month lost by 813 to 452. Fullerton literally snowed under a proposal to boost the pay of its city fathers from \$10 to \$50 per month by a vote of 1268 against 425 for. The ambitions of South Gate councilmen to increase their pay from \$25 to \$100 per month was lost, and a proposal to increase the pay to \$50 per month in Laguna Beach was defeated. Brea also defeated a proposal to pay councilmen \$20 per month.

The new Council will be sworn in and the official canvass of the election will be held at the City Hall on next Monday, April 21, at 7:45 o'clock. Brady Wolfe, the retiring member of the Council, will return to the life of a private citizen after Monday evening.

Vote Analysis

Steiner had a majority of 217 over Klusman, and Nelson had a lead of 181 votes over Klusman. About 55 percent of the Klusman votes came from two precincts, B and E. Precinct B is located north of Carson, Cota and Madonna, and precinct E is located east of Gramercy and south of Carson. Klusman gained 103 votes over two years ago when he polled 343. Two years before that, or in 1926, he was given 599 votes. This year he received 471.

past commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, and at present is president of the Torrance District Garden Club. He is employed as chief clerk at the Pacific Electric shops.

Salary Defeated

Every precinct in the city, with the single exception of precinct A at the C.C.M.O. camp voted against the fifty dollar a month salary for councilmen. The heaviest votes against the salary proposition were registered in precinct B, 2275 Redondo boulevard, and precinct D, fire hall.

G. A. R. Steiner

"I wish to thank those who expressed their confidence in me at the polls on Monday, and wish to tell them that in the future, as in the past, the best interests of the city, as I see it, will guide my every act.

Respectfully yours,

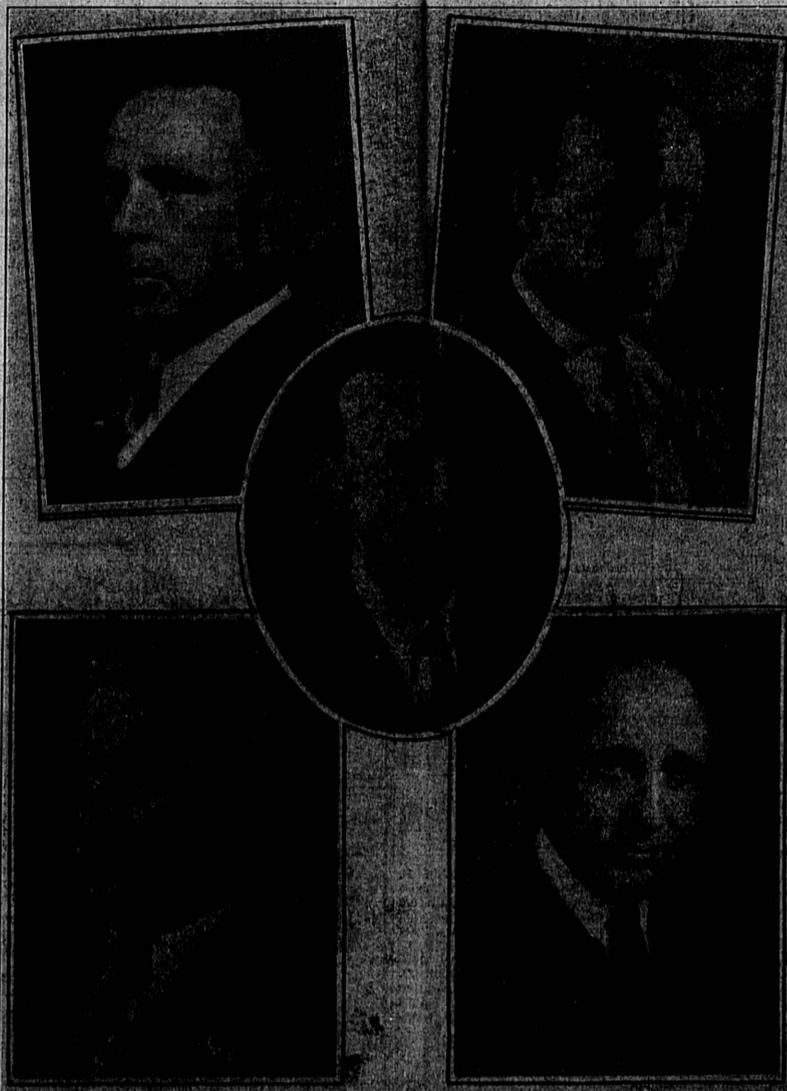
G. A. R. Steiner

Ed C. Nelson

"Naturally I feel happy that the people of Torrance have endorsed me for another term.

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These Five Men Will Govern Torrance



Pictured above are the five Councilmen who will govern the affairs of the City of Torrance for the next two years. They are: Carleton B. Bell (upper left), new member of the Council; G. A. Maxwell (upper right), hold-over member; Mayor John Dennis (center), whose term also expires in 1932; G. A. R. Steiner (lower left), and Ed C. Nelson (lower right), newly re-elected members of the present Council.

THREATEN TO CHANGE ROUTE OF STATE ST.

Opposition of Long Beach and Wilmington to 100 Ft. Highway Between Redondo and Seal Beach May Mean Changing to More Northerly Route

An alternate route for the so-called State street highway through Lomita and South Torrance is threatened by state and county officials because of the opposition by Wilmington and Long Beach of the 100 foot right-of-way on State street in Long Beach and O and N streets in Wilmington.

That an investigation had been started by the state and county was revealed at a meeting of the Regional Planning Commission held last Thursday before the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce dinner meeting in Lomita. At the meeting were representatives of the State Highway Commission, the City Engineer's office of Los Angeles, the City Engineer of Long Beach, the City Engineer of Torrance, the Regional Planning Commission, the County Surveyor's office, and the County Road Department. Property owners from Long Beach, representatives of the Lomita Business Men's organization and other parties interested in the proposed State street project between Seal Beach and Redondo Beach were present at the meeting.

At the meeting, it was brought out that the City Council of Long Beach and property owners on O and N streets in Wilmington, by attempting to narrow the highway from 100 to 80 feet were alienating the support of the state and county for the project, as the state will not contribute toward the construction of any highway less than 100 feet in width. In view of the fact that the county's co-operation and financial assistance as well as the assistance from the state through unincorporated territory was promised on the basis of the 100 feet width, they would not be longer obligated if an 80 foot width as proposed by Long Beach and Wilmington was carried out. The state insists upon 74 feet of pavement and a 100 foot right of way.

While no commitment was made as to what the alternate route might be, many hold that Willow street is the only logical route that could be used.

John Holm of Lomita, speaking on the Redondo boulevard-State street project, said that Lomita had spent large sums of money widening this highway through Lomita to 100 feet and urged that Wilmington and Long Beach consent to the 100 foot right-of-way through their cities. Councilman A. E. Henning told of the security and city donation of \$30,000 for widening and improvement of West Anaheim boulevard from Governor avenue to Frigate avenue in Wilmington.

41,000 Cars an Hour

The magnitude of the East and West traffic was revealed at the Regional Planning Commission meeting when a report of a recent check at the corner of Main and Anaheim in Wilmington showed that over 41,000 cars passed this intersection in one hour. The check was made on one hour, and it was estimated that the traffic is much greater during the hours of 8 and 3 a. m. and 4 and 6 p. m., when the shifts are going to and from work at the harbor.

Old Dominguez Building Sold

The old Dominguez Land Company building opposite the Pacific Electric Station has been sold for \$35,000 to the Pittman Investment Company by Roy Burton of Burton & Company, Los Angeles brokers, according to J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company.

The Pittman Investment Company is an Eastern company which has invested heavily recently in Torrance down town properties. Other recent holdings acquired within the last few months by the Pittman interests include the Friendman block, 1325 El Prado, the Burkhart block at Sartori and El Prado, and the vacant corner adjacent to the Dominguez Land Corporation office at El Prado and Gramercy avenue.

The grounds around the old Dominguez building will be cleaned up and the building put in shape for occupancy, according to Mr. Smith.

SAM LEVY IS NAMED ROTARY CLUB LEADER

New President of Club Is One of Community's Staunchest Boosters and Most Successful Merchants

IN TORRANCE 10 YEARS

Modest Tailor Becomes Owner of Valuable Down Town Business Property Through Confidence in City

Sam Levy, merchant, was honored last week by the Torrance Rotary club by being chosen the club president for the new year beginning July 1. Mr. Levy is a charter member of the Torrance club and has been a director for the past year. Other directors elected at last week's luncheon were: Don Findley, Bruce Bilker, Harry H. Dolley, R. R. Smith and Dr. J. S. Lancaster the retiring president who is an ex-officio

HE BUILDS



Photo by Keller
SAM LEVY

member of the board of directors. Ed C. Nelson was chosen secretary for another term. The new officers will be installed in July and the newly elected president will be given a trip to Chicago to attend the international convention.

Coming to Torrance ten years ago, Sam Levy opened a modest little tailoring shop in one of the stores now occupied by Paxman's Cash Store on El Prado on April 13, 1920. Mr. Levy has always had confidence in the future of Torrance, and in a very few months after opening the tailoring shop, he added a line of men's clothing taking over the larger store room next to the present Dolley Annex.

In another two years, the youthful merchant was ready to expand again, and another store was opened with a stock of women's ready-to-wear which was known as Levy's Smart Shop.

Owens 5 Stores

Three years later, or in 1925, Sam Levy erected the first of five prominent store buildings now standing in Torrance. The beautiful store and apartment building which he now occupies was constructed on Sartori avenue and both the men's and women's apparel stores were moved to the new store building. From a modest stock of scarcely \$2500 in 1920, the business of Sam Levy has grown to embrace a stock now valued at over \$30,000. A score or more famous nationally advertised brands of goods are sold exclusively by Sam Levy and the business now has the proportions of a department store.

Always Booster
Mr. Levy's early confidence in Torrance has rewarded him well. Besides owning ten lots in the well-known district and interests in acreage near Torrance, Mr. Levy has built a beautiful home at the corner of El Prado and Arlington (Continued on Page 5)

Glider Contest Plan of Kiwanis

A glider contest open to all boys, is being planned by the Torrance Kiwanis Club for Friday, May 2, according to A. D. Hayes of the Mullin-Hayes Dumber Company, who has been appointed chairman of the event. Appropriate prizes and other details of the glider contest will be given in next week's issue of the Torrance Herald.

RECKLESS RIDE OF YOUTH ENDS IN JAIL TERM

Fred McIntosh, Jr., Pleads Guilty to Three Charges After Car Turtles on Portola Avenue

Three youths in a sedan driven by Fred McIntosh, Jr., came careening down Portola avenue Tuesday morning and something happened—nobody knows what—but the car turned over crushing the top and throwing off one wheel. Jimmie LaBar, one of the occupants, still a cripple from the fall he took from the roller coaster at Redondo over a year ago, was slightly injured. The accident took place at 11:15 Tuesday morning near the intersection of Maricopa on Portola.

The next chapter in this story was enacted before Judge Rippey yesterday morning when Fred McIntosh, Jr., the driver of the car, pleaded guilty to three charges, i. e., drunkenness, reckless driving, and transportation of intoxicating liquors. He was sentenced \$250 or 230 days in the county jail and (Continued on Page 5)

MOOSE PLAN FORWARD WITH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Six Southland Lodges Join with Torrance in Ceremony on April 25th

Torrance Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose is planning an elaborate program at the installation of new officers on Friday, April 25, in American Recreation Hall, Carson street. The festivities are scheduled to begin at 8 p. m., and members from Burbank, Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Pedro, Wilmington and Compton will be present.

Ward Davies, district supervisor of the lodge will be the installing officer. New officers to be installed are: T. J. Kennedy, dictator; F. M. Stacey, vice-dictator; O. L. Schmidt, prelate; and Joseph Kent has been chosen to succeed himself as secretary.

Retiring officers of the Torrance lodge are: W. J. Lister, dictator; H. Crawford, vice-dictator; T. J. Kennedy, prelate; J. Lepkin is past senior dictator and W. J. Lister is past junior dictator; Trustees of the Torrance lodge are E. Brown, J. McNally and J. J. Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Faulkner of Poppy street, spent Sunday with friends in Riverside. (Continued on Page 5)

FORWARD WITH FORD IS PLAN OF H. REEVE

Public Invited to Luncheon Tuesday and Visit to Ford Plant

"What the new Ford plant means to Torrance," will be the subject at a public rally of Torrance citizens led by Hurum E. Reeve at the regular open forum luncheon at Earl's Cafe next Tuesday, April 22, and will be followed by an inspection of the Ford plant at the harbor.

The luncheon and inspection trip is open to the public and Mr. Reeve promises a live and inspiring meeting. Tickets for the luncheon are fifty cents.

Those attending the luncheon Tuesday will be given badges by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to wear on the trip through the Ford plant, and those in charge are anxious to get a good crowd out in order to make the proper impression at the factory.

The original plan of sending decorated automobiles to the Ford opening has been abandoned because (Continued on Page 5)

How The Precincts Voted At The Election Monday

PRECINCT	No. of Votes Cast	Council 4-Year Term			City Clerk	City Treasurer	Salary			
		Klusman	Nelson	Steiner			Yes	No		
A—C. C. M. O. Camp	78	9	65	68	63	9	60	66	5	
B—2275 Redondo	337	148	210	222	245	262	73	294	137	167
C—803 Portola	140	63	82	92	102	96	41	120	56	68
D—Fire Hall	231	97	142	144	185	169	57	198	101	114
E—1915 Andreo	193	110	102	102	137	122	71	162	81	89
F—Legion Hall	100	44	54	63	73	59	38	83	40	52
TOTAL	1079	471	655	688	810	761	289	917	481	495

ALBERT DANIELS, whose name was written in, received five votes for City Councilman against Bell in Consolidated Precinct D, and 2 votes in Precinct C.